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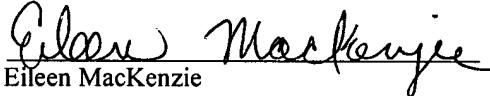
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office action, but before the mailing date of any final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application. The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Atty. Docket No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/731790	12/9/03	E0295.70190US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
10/762044	1/21/04	E0295.70195US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
10/762036	01/21/04	E0295.70201US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
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10/910985	08/04/04	E0295.70208US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
10/911248	08/44/04	E0295.70212US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
11/022077	12/23/04	E0295.70229US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
11/034737	01/12/05	E0295.70238US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.

Several of the above-referenced applications include subject matter that may be related to the present application, and some share a specification with the present application. The examiners handling the other applications have been or will be searching for relevant prior art, and in some circumstances may be taking positions about which art shows features that are similar to at least some of the features recited in the claims of the present application. Therefore, the Examiner is invited to review the file histories of the above-referenced applications to see whether there is any information that the Examiner believes may be relevant. In this respect, it is assumed that the Examiner has access to each of those files. However, if the Examiner would like any information about any of those pending applications, Applicants would be happy to provide it.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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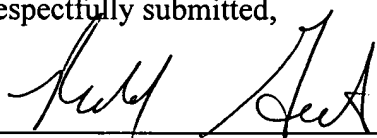
By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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